



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

March 10, 2010

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Hopefully most of you were able to attend the Lincoln Winter Concert last week. A huge thank you goes out to Kit Walpole, who has done a tremendous job as our music teacher this year. The transition while Mrs. Garciano is on maternity leave has been seamless. Kit's bubbling energy and creativity shone through in the children's performances. Thank you also to Sue Costello for showcasing the artwork of our children on screen and in the hallways of Lincoln. By the time you're reading this, we've already begun the series of early release days to accommodate parent-teacher conferences. Be sure to thank the parents helping man our 5<sup>th</sup> grade babysitting. Without them, this precious service would not be available. Also, please note that while our LSPA meeting typically takes place the second Thursday of the month, it is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> due to the early release days. Our best, Linda McDonough and Bridget Stump

### CALENDAR

#### Wednesday-Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

Early Release for teacher conferences

#### Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

LSPA Meeting 8:30 am, Library

#### Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Hoop-A-Thon 2:30-4:00pm

#### Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Early Release- Teacher Development

#### Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

NO SCHOOL – Good Friday Holiday

### BABYSITTING AVAILABLE DURING CONFERENCES:

Once again, 5th graders and their parents will offer babysitting while you attend your child's parent/teacher conference. Babysitting is available Wed, March 10 through Friday, March 12 from 11:30 until 3:00pm. You may drop off your child/children in the gym lobby (Main St Entrance). The cost is \$4 per child or \$12 family maximum. Forms to pre-register are available on the LSPA table across from the library. Pre-registration is not necessary - drop-ins are welcome. This event, which is

greatly enjoyed by the participating children and the 5th grade babysitters, is a fundraiser for the many exciting activities planned for the fifth grade. Any questions or additional information, please contact Anita Colasante at [anitacola@yahoo.com](mailto:anitacola@yahoo.com) 617-775-4003 or Sheryl Stein at [sheryl@steinglobal.net](mailto:sheryl@steinglobal.net)/781-729-0541

### 5TH GRADERS CHOOSE HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Last week the 5<sup>th</sup> graders voted to support Heifer International with funds raised from their upcoming Hoop-A-Thon. Heifer International works with communities around the globe to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. They do this by giving families "a hand up, not just a hand out" with gifts of livestock and training that help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. The animals are "living loans" because in exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to "pass on the gift" by giving one of their animal's offspring to another family in need. For more information, visit [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). Lincoln 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to choose which animals to purchase and donate from the Heifer program based on the amount of funds raised in their Hoop-A-Thon after school on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The basketball and hula-hoop event is **open to Lincoln students in grades 3-5, faculty and staff**. We hope the entire community will come out in support! --Eileen Marks

### MATH AND SCIENCE MANIA

Calling all scientists in the Lincoln School Community! A Math and Science Mania program will be held Wednesday May 5 from 6-7:30pm at Lincoln School. The planning committee is looking for parent volunteers to help create and present science and technology stations for the event. In past years, display topics included "See the sounds" (computer displays of sound frequencies), "Explore the world of engineering," "Optics, the science of light," "The MIT Chemistry Department," and "Polymers." We are hoping to have stations representing the fields of biology,

chemistry, physics, and engineering. If you would like to help us create a display in the area of your expertise, please contact Caroline Shamu at [caroline.shamu@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:caroline.shamu@hms.harvard.edu)

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### WINCHESTER COOP THEATRE PRESENTS WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

March 19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> at McCall Middle School: Come share in the adventure of Charlie Bucket and four other lucky Golden Ticket holders as they tour the famed Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory. Winchester Coop Theatre's group of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders brings to life the magical world inside this delicious factory with song and dance. Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m., Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 p.m., Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm and 4:00pm. Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each). Recommended for ages 3 and up. **Special Performance Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:00 pm. Proceeds to benefit the GINN Playground Restoration Project.** Tickets for this special performance are \$15 and will be sold only at the door. Attendees to this special performance may win a GOLDEN TICKET and a chance to win a Wonka worthy prize. For info on this special performance, contact [presidents@winchesterneighbors.com](mailto:presidents@winchesterneighbors.com).

### COOL SCIENCE CLUB

Registration is now open for the almost-spring session of the wildly popular Cool Science Club -- an after-school program that provides fun, hands-on, experiment-driven projects in science, technology and math. This four-week session is scheduled to include MANY fun and NEW science topics. Club Scientists lead explorations of individual topics for groups of 12 students and are assisted by Young Scientists (from grades 8-12). For Grades K+1+2: Outdoor Explorer, Discovery Science, Kitchen Chemistry, Explore Stars and Planets in STARLAB. For Grades 3+4+5+6: Build a

Boat, Digging Mummy Science, LEGO Robotics. The Club will be held on Wednesdays (3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7) from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at McCall Middle School. Slots for the Club will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and go quickly! Get your registration form TODAY from [paulagiancola@comcast.net](mailto:paulagiancola@comcast.net). The fee per Club participant is \$75. Scholarships are available. Lanie Higgins (781-729-7157, [Lhiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:Lhiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us)), Science Coordinator at the McCall Middle School, is the Cool Science Club Director.

### SPED PAC MEETING

Parents LBLD Group has planned the next two meetings. The next LBLD Parent meeting is **Wednesday March 10th in the McCall Library at 7 pm**. We apologize for having to cancel the meeting on March 4th and hope you can join us on the 10th. We will have two guest speakers, mother and daughter Kate and Leah Gallagher. Leah, who is dyslexic, is a WHS graduate and recent college graduate currently working at Mass Eye and Ear in HR. Leah's mom, Kate, will be joining us too. Together they'll share their journey and answer our questions. For more information contact Amy Kraft [akpk1282@verizon.net](mailto:akpk1282@verizon.net) or Kim Lazarus [kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net](mailto:kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net). Our April meeting will be on **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Lynch School Library at 7:00 pm**. At this meeting Donna Marcotte-Rizza will be joining us. Donna is a part time assistive technology specialist for the Winchester School District. She will be discussing and demonstrating various types of Assistive Technology we have available in our schools as well as other types of software, tools, etc. that can help our children learn.

### WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF ART

Winchester Friends of Art (WFOA) is turning the world "Art Side Out" with fun events scheduled for March. For more than 20 years, WFOA has advocated for art education in Winchester schools as a critical means for encouraging students to think outside the box. **WFOA Annual Party for the Arts and Family Reception, Saturday, March 27** at Sons of Italy (Swanton St). Save the Date! In the afternoon, take the family to view "Art Side Out" themed art created by Winchester students and by professional artists at a FREE family reception, from 2 - 4 pm. In the evening from 8 - 11 pm, join fellow Winchester residents for WFOA's annual and always fun fundraising party – an auction of art works by professional artists and high school seniors and of goods donated by local businesses, with live

music by the Liz Lannon Band, dessert bar, and cash bar. Tickets are \$35 each in advance

### SYBS 2010 SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for baseball (ages 6 – 15, as of April 30, 2010) and softball (K – 8th grade) for the 2010 spring season. Registrations must be completed by March 15, 2010, in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. SYBS has made a number of changes to the softball program that will enhance the experience for players and families. Spring Age Groups: Clinic (K-2: commissioners Susan Wiseman and Danielle Ladd)—held on Saturday afternoons from 2-3:30PM at Westside (Start date TBA), Junior (Grades 3-5: commissioner Mikie Ulwick)—teams assigned by elementary school (Times, Days, Location TBA). Visit the SYBS website (<http://www.sybs.org>) and click on "Registration." Players who register after March 15, 2010, will be assigned to a team on a space-available basis.

### WINCHESTER POP WARNER

Following the lead of the amazingly successful Sachem Youth Football program for Winchester middle school-age residents, we are pleased to announce that Winchester Pop Warner is bringing elementary school-age football back to town for the first time in a full generation. On March 13, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Winchester Pop Warner will be co-hosting a registration (along with the Sachem Youth Football) at the McCall Middle School Cafeteria. Parents should bring their children to this event to register them. Fees and general information will be available at [www.winchesterpopwarner.com](http://www.winchesterpopwarner.com). The Executive Board of Winchester Pop Warner Mike Bongiorno, Brandon Bergstrom, Chuck Ward, and George Nowell.

### WHS SOFTBALL CLINIC

The Winchester High School Softball program is offering a three-session clinic to get youth players from grades 3-8 ready for their upcoming seasons. Whether you are new to softball, a returning spring league player, or an experienced travel team softball player, Mastering Softball Basics is the clinic for you! For three consecutive Saturdays, WHS Varsity Coach Steve Swymer and his staff of experienced coaches and players will work with clinic participants on all aspects of the game. Players will receive instruction and reinforce their softball skills through a number of softball drills and workout stations. Players will be grouped by age and skill level. The clinic will take place at the

Winchester High School Gym/Field House on March 27, April 3, and April 10 from 3:45 to 6 pm. Total cost for the three session clinic is \$75. Visit [www.eteamz.com/FriendsofWHSsoftball](http://www.eteamz.com/FriendsofWHSsoftball) to download registration forms or to register/pay online. Call 781-729-1740 for more information about this great clinic opportunity.

### PARENT TECHTUTORIAL

Please join the Educational Technology Department staff for this informative techtutorial "iPod Exploration," March 15, 2010, 6-7 pm at Winchester High School Animation Lab (1st Floor). You will be enlightened as to the endless uses of iPods – more than just music players, iPods have functionalities that can be used in many different ways for teaching and learning - creating and listening to podcasts, video capability, Taking notes for class, studying for quizzes, and much more.

### PARENT TO PARENT

"What Your Kids Need to Hear from YOU About Sex: Parenting in an Over sexualized, Online, In-Your-Face World" Sharon Maxwell, PhD is a clinical psychologist with a private practice, author, speaker, consultant, and mom. Back by popular demand, Dr. Maxwell will speak to parents on **Wednesday, March 10th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm** at Winchester High School. Her book will be on sale from BookEnds at the program. This program will present parents with practical and positive ways of beginning and sustaining a dialogue about sexuality that includes values, guidelines for behavior, and peer pressure. Parent to Parent would like to thank ENKA for its generous support in helping fund this program. For more information please visit [www.parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://www.parenttoparentwinchester.org)

### WINCHESTER MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

*Race and Place: A Community Discussion Series:* March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30 PM, at the Winchester Public Library is sponsored by the Winchester Multicultural Network, the Winchester Public Library, and the League of Women Voters. Discussion is based on the documentary "Race, the Power of an Illusion." The goal of this dialogue series with community leaders, residents, and workers is an increased awareness of the historic relationship between race, place, and current economic prosperity. The shared experience of viewing and discussing "Race: The Power of an Illusion" provides a stimulating and challenging opportunity as we work to

shape our community's future. Participants will view selected excerpts from the documentary and discuss each with the guidance of a professional facilitator, Angela Giudice of North Star. *The Difference Between Us*: Understanding why the peoples of the world cannot be divided into distinct biological groups (March 7) *The Story We Tell*: Tracing the origins of the racial idea to the European conquest of the New World and the American slave system (March 14) *The House We Live In*: Dealing with institutional racism and its effect on neighborhoods and communities in this country because of its impact on housing (March 21). For information or to sign up, email [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org) or call WMCN office, 781 729-7100.

**TASTE OF WINCHESTER**

The 4th annual "Taste of Winchester," to benefit the Griffin Museum of Photography, will be held on Friday, March 26th, 2010, from 7 to 10 pm at the Griffin Museum of Photography. This popular community event is a chance to sample delicious food and wine from favorite local restaurants and shops, enjoy live music and win fabulous door prizes. Tickets are \$60 and will be available at the end of February at Bookends and through the Griffin Museum at [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org) (781)729-1158. The event sold out last year, so be sure to get your tickets early!

**GINNPLAYGROUND RESTORATION**

March 27, 2010, 7:30-10:30pm at Parish of the Epiphany Church - Help us BeGINN Again! Let the Winchester Neighbors Club take you **From Aspen to Antigua** at the WNC Sping Gala, all to benefit the Ginn Playground Restoration Project. Food by Green Olive, steel drum music by PanNeubean Steel, an open beer and wine bar, and the opportunity to purchase a variety of once-in-a-lifetime experiences in silent and live auctions await you. Some of the amazing auction items include the opportunity to spend 2011's April vacation week at a fabulous 4-bedroom villa in the five star resort Peninsula Papagayo in Costa Rica, a private outing aboard a luxury Hinckley Picnic boat, and ice time with pro hockey player Paul Mara. For more information, please go to [www.beGINNagain.com](http://www.beGINNagain.com), and to purchase tickets (\$125 each), please go to [www.winchesterneighbors.com/ginn gala](http://www.winchesterneighbors.com/ginn gala).

**FANSPLASH UPDATES & WINTER FIESTA!**

Come out of the cold and turn up the heat for a night that will support local arts and help to make a splash! The Winchester

Cultural Council and FAN's Borggaard Beach Revitalization Committee are pleased to present a Cultural Fiesta to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium to help raise funds for the arts in Winchester and the revitalization of Borrggard Beach. Live salsa music performed by the 8-piece Tequila Amigos Latin Orchestra will be sure to liven up the room! Light refreshments and a cash bar will also be available. Mr. Allan Eyden will take to the stage as our honored guest and auctioneer, and a 50/50 raffle will be taking place throughout the night. You can show your support prior to the event by becoming an event sponsor, program advertiser, or by reserving a private table. You can even select a donor package option! Please contact Elizabeth Angelino at [info@fansplash.org](mailto:info@fansplash.org) for more information. Tickets will be available for purchase soon, via PayPal at [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org), or at Bookends. Please feel free to email [WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the Fiesta Committee.

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